

to commit human rights abuses related to political repression, and to engage in public corruption pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared to deal with this threat and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons.

BARACK OBAMA.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 14, 2011.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2102. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Amendments" (FRL No. 8875-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2103. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8876-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2104. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Policies and Operations; Loan Purchases from FDIC" (RIN3052-AC62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2105. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cooperative Inspection Programs: Interstate Shipment of Meat and Poultry Products" (RIN0583-AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2106. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2107. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirements and Security-Based Swaps" (RIN3235-AK98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2108. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Uranium Marketing Annual Report; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2109. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Decommissioning Planning" (RIN3150-AI55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2110. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of California; Interstate Transport of Pollution; Significant Contribution to Nonattainment and Interference with Maintenance Requirements" (FRL No. 9318-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2111. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of California; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan and Interstate Transport Plan; Interference with Visibility Requirement" (FRL No. 9317-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2112. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Disposal Restrictions: Revision of the Treatment Standards for Carbamate Wastes" (FRL No. 9318-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2113. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a legislative proposal relative to the collection of fees under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act to support an electronic hazardous waste manifest system; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2114. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report relative to the status of the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2115. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service" (RIN1545-BH01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2116. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Foreign Acquisition Amendments" ((RIN0750-AH16)(DFARS Case 2011-D017)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2117. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2010 Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act (MDUFMA) Financial Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2118. A communication from the Executive Director, Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2011 Performance Accountability Report and Financial Statements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2119. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2120. A communication from the Executive Director, United States Access Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2010 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2121. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting legislative proposals relative to health care benefits, personnel-related matters and benefits for homeless Veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2122. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "Veterans Benefit Programs Improvement Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2123. A communication from the Director of Exporter Services, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wassenaar Arrangement 2010 Plenary Agreements Implementation: Commerce Control List, Definitions, Reports; Correction" (RIN0694-AF11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2124. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Control Reform Initiative: Strategic Trade Authorization License Exception" (RIN0694-AF03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2125. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program, Order Suspending Effective Date" ((CG Docket No. 10-51)(FCC 11-86)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2126. A communication from the Legal Advisor and Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Maritime Automatic Identification Systems" (FCC 11-80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2127. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Commerce's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2011-2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and

were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-33. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing Congress to enact laws to establish, implement, and ensure that universal communication is at all times and at all places available to warn the American people of imminent and impending dangers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, the Congress of the United States should enact laws to establish and implement an effective, reliable, integrated, flexible, and comprehensive system that will alert and warn the American people in situations of war, terrorist attack, natural disaster, or other hazards to public health, safety and well-being, taking appropriate account of the functions, capabilities, needs of all people, the private sector and of all governments, so as to ensure that, under all conditions, universal communication is at all times and at all places available to warn the American people of imminent and impending dangers; and

Whereas, Congress should investigate and conduct hearings to inventory, evaluate, and assess capabilities and integration with the public alert and warning system of federal, state, territorial, tribal, and local public alert and warning resources; and

Whereas, Congress should establish or adopt common alerting and warning protocols, standards, technology, and operating procedures that are effective without the necessity of maintaining a database of contact information (while protecting privacy of all Americans) and for the public alert and warning system to enable interoperability and the secure delivery of coordinated messages to the American people through as many communication pathways as practicable, utilizing today's technology so as to guarantee the delivery of warnings and alerts in a timely manner to the entire population when surface infrastructure does not exist, has been compromised, or otherwise rendered ineffective; and

Whereas, Congress should ensure the capability to adapt the distribution and content of communications on the basis of clearly defined geographic locations, risks, or personal user preferences, as appropriate; and

Whereas, Congress should provide that any public alert and warning system is capable of alerting and warning all Americans, including those with disabilities and those who lack an understanding of the English language, in the most remote geographic areas of America and its territories; and

Whereas, Congress should, through cooperation with the owners and operators of communication facilities, maintain, protect, and, if necessary, restore communications facilities and capabilities necessary for the public alert and warning system; and

Whereas, Congress should establish training, annual tests, and exercises for the public alert and warning system, and provide for direct access thereto by appropriate federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency personnel; and

Whereas, Congress should ensure the conduct of public education efforts so that federal, state, territorial, tribal, local governments, the private sector, and the American people understand the functions of the public alert and warning system and how to access, use, and respond to information issued through all public alert and warning systems and devices; and

Whereas, Congress should require all governments, federal, state, local, territorial, and media communication organizations to consult, coordinate, and cooperate with the

private sector, including emergency response providers and users, as appropriate for the full implementation of a state of the art early warning and alert system; and

Whereas, Congress should, in performing the functions set forth above, coordinate with all appropriate departments and agencies of all governments referenced in this Resolution. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana, in session duly assembled, memorializes the Congress of the United States of America, and the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress in particular, to expedite a solution that will provide public alert and warning in situations of war, terrorist attack, natural disaster, or other hazards to public safety and well-being to all people of the United States of America. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and to all sitting members of Louisiana's delegation to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-34. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Iowa relative to recognizing the positive impact of the Community Services Block Grant program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Whereas, in state fiscal year 2010, 365,752 Iowans in 140,333 households were helped in their fight against poverty through services funded by the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program; and

Whereas, more than 96 percent of the families receiving services were at or below 175 percent of the federal level or \$35,427 annual family income; and

Whereas, more than 76 percent of the individuals served by the 18 community action agencies were working or received social security as their source of income; and

Whereas, those 18 community action agencies have 127 service centers throughout all 99 Iowa counties; and

Whereas, each community action agency is governed by a community-based volunteer board of directors consisting of elected officials, private sector representatives, and low-income Iowans; and

Whereas, Iowa's 18 community action agencies employ 3,350 Iowans; and

Whereas, CSBG funding for the 18 community action agencies brought in \$2.3 million in local funding, \$13.6 million in private funding, \$13.9 million in state funding, and \$222.9 million in federal funding to Iowa's local communities; and

Whereas, CSBG funding for Iowa's 18 community action agencies helped generate \$17.7 million in in-kind goods and services and donated items; and

Whereas, the 18 community action agencies received \$7,154,281 in CSBG funding enabling the community action agencies to operate their service centers and to administer state and federally funded programs; and

Whereas, President Obama has proposed a 50 percent reduction in CSBG funding and making the allocation of the remaining funds competitive instead of continuing the current allocation formula that brings stability to Iowa's community and economic development initiatives; and

Whereas, the Iowa House of Representatives supports efforts of the United States Congress to effectively reduce the federal deficit while promoting the current and future economic security of all Iowans; Now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, That the House of Representatives supports the positive impact of the CSBG program in Iowa and opposes federal action to reduce CSBG funding disproportionately compared to the rest of the federal domestic discretionary budget; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Iowa congressional delegation.

POM-35. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing Congress to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and a cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Whereas, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS is better known as Lou Gehrig's disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horns of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, the initial symptom of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, as ALS progresses the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, ALS does not affect a patient's mental capacity, so that the patient remains alert and aware of his or her loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, ALS has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure; and

Whereas, research indicates that military veterans are at a 60% or greater risk of developing ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

Whereas, the Department of Veterans Affairs implemented regulations to establish a presumption of service connection for ALS thereby presuming that the development of ALS was incurred or aggravated by a veteran's service in the military; and

Whereas, a national ALS patient registry, administered by the Centers for Disease Control, is currently identifying cases of ALS in the United States and may become the single largest ALS research project ever created; and

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on the patient but on his or her family and the community and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this horrible disease. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby recognizes May 2011 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the Congress of the United States is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and a cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the

United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-36. A petition transmitted by a private citizen relative to the examination of the record and conduct of a judicial nomination; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Leon E. Panetta, of California, to be Secretary of Defense.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 1188. A bill to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1189. A bill to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules, consideration of the least burdensome regulatory alternative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1190. A bill to reduce disparities and improve access to effective and cost efficient diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer through advances in testing, research, and education, including through telehealth, comparative effectiveness research, and identification of best practices in patient education and outreach particularly with respect to underserved racial, ethnic and rural populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer, to establish a directive on what constitutes clinically appropriate prostate cancer imaging, and to create a prostate cancer scientific advisory board for the Office of the Chief Scientist at the Food and Drug Administration to accelerate real-time sharing of the latest research and accelerate movement of new medicines to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1191. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Naugatuck River Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1192. A bill to supplement State jurisdiction in Alaska Native villages with Federal

and tribal resources to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska while reducing domestic violence against Native women and children and to reduce alcohol and drug abuse and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 1193. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to preserve and renew Federal-aid highways to reduce long-term costs, improve safety, and improve the condition of Federal-aid highways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1194. A bill to facilitate compliance with Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1195. A bill to protect victims of crime or serious labor violations from deportation during Department of Homeland Security enforcement actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1196. A bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 1188. A bill to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the All-American Made Flag Act, on this 234th celebration of Flag Day in our Nation, On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress first adopted a flag for our new country, bestowing a meaning to the stars and stripes of our founding commitment to freedom and democracy.

Our flag inspires servicemembers in times of war; it looks over state capitols and schools, stadiums and veterans halls as a reminder of the price of our peace and security. It stood through the smoke in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and the rubble in New York City and Washington D.C. on September 11, 2001. The flag instills hope of a better life for generations of immigrants, embodying an aspiration of free people around the world. Americans pledge allegiance to the flag, reminding us about our Nation's history, and the system of checks and balances and separation of powers that tenders the balance of our laws and freedoms.

The flag that inspired our national anthem rests in the Smithsonian's Na-

tional Museum of American History. Smaller, hand-held flags are waived during Fourth of July Parades and on Memorial Day are placed alongside headstones. But whether in museums or in parades or upon memorials, the American flag reaffirms the power and meaning first ascribed to it by our founders.

And what better way to celebrate its meaning, our Nation's history and virtue, than to ensure it is stamped with the Made-in-America label. On this day, I introduce the All-American Made Flag Act, which would require that American flags purchased by the Federal Government are entirely made in America.

Across the nation, and especially in Ohio, manufacturers and businesses have been making and selling American flags for generations. In Coschocton, Ohio, the nation's oldest and largest producer of American flags has been doing so since 1851. From the first World's Fair in New York City, through the Civil War and World War II, and into the universe and onto the moon these flags, made in Coschocton, have played a role in our nation's history. Today, on Flag Day, it joins other businesses that sell All-American made American flags, from Cincinnati to Dayton to Columbus to Cleveland.

Few things can give better meaning to the Made-in-America label than our own flag. The All-American Made Flag Act would provide that meaning, and in doing so, would invest in America's workers and manufacturers who embody the ingenuity and patriotism embodied in the very flag itself.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1192. A bill to supplement State jurisdiction in Alaska Native villages with Federal and tribal resources to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska while reducing domestic violence against Native women and children and to reduce alcohol and drug abuse and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today I introduce legislation to address issues of great concern to me and to all who care about public safety in Alaska Native villages.

Last year President Obama signed the Tribal Law and Order bill into law. That legislation passed because Congress recognized the great need to provide more support for the criminal justice system and communities in Indian Country. While this law has some important provisions that will benefit Alaska Native communities, I believe the remoteness and other unique conditions in many Native villages in my State compel us to do more. That is why I am introducing the Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act of 2011.

My bill will establish a demonstration project allowing Alaska Native tribes to set up tribal courts, establish tribal ordinances, and impose sanctions on those people who violate the ordinances. It would enhance current tribal